

SHP Hosts the 25th North Carolina American Legion Student Trooper Program

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A partnership between the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and the North Carolina American Legion continued again this year with great success at the SHP Training Academy. Sixty high school students from across the state came to Raleigh to experience a week of law enforcement training and to learn more about the state highway patrol. The students arose bright and early each day at

5 a.m. to the sounds of encouraging trooper instructors, in much the same way cadets of the basic highway patrol classes do.

The students spent the week observing operations of the patrol, learning about the different roles the agency plays in reducing traffic crashes and keeping the people of North Carolina safe. Students took classes on health and wellness, first aid and the history of the patrol. The group made visits to the

SHP driving track, the aviation unit and to the SBI crime lab.

The week concluded with a graduation ceremony to mark the completion of the training as well as the physical and mental challenges that were overcome as a group. Col. Glenn McNeill provided remarks at the ceremony and commended the students for their hard work and determination. Many of those who were chosen to attend the week are planning a future in the military or as a law enforcement officer.

